

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 (currently amended): In combination:

a beverage container including a side wall having an upper rim, a top attached to said upper rim, and a bottom, said top, said side wall and said bottom defining a beverage container interior, and said top defining an opening disposed inwardly of said rim and communicating with said beverage container interior; and

a device for receiving saliva expectorated by a tobacco chewing individual and directing the saliva into the beverage container interior, said device including an open topped receptacle having an outlet and a connector releasably connecting said receptacle to said beverage container with said outlet in liquid flow communication with the opening defined by the top of said beverage container whereby saliva expectorated onto said receptacle will drain under the influence of gravity into said beverage container interior and additionally including a drain conduit attached to said receptacle and extending downwardly therefrom, said drain conduit extending into said beverage container interior and defining a liquid flow passageway in liquid flow communication with the outlet of said receptacle.

2 (canceled)

3 (currently amended): The combination according to Claim 2 1 wherein said drain conduit has an open distal end

located in said beverage can interior spaced from the bottom, the top and the side wall of said beverage container.

4 (original): The combination according to Claim 3 wherein said drain conduit is substantially rigid and defines an acute angle with the top of said beverage container.

5 (original): The combination according to Claim 1 wherein said receptacle includes an inclined inner wall surface leading to said outlet.

6 (original): The combination according to Claim 1 wherein said device is of integral construction and wherein said connector comprises an outer sleeve surrounding and frictionally engaging said rim.

7 (original): The combination according to Claim 6 wherein said device additionally comprises a manually graspable member extending outwardly from said sleeve to facilitate selective connection of said device to said beverage container or removal of said device from said beverage container.

8 (original): The combination according to Claim 4 wherein said beverage container comprises a beverage can, said opening being formed by prior removal of a snap top closure associated with said beverage can, said opening and the outlet of said receptacle being off center and disposed on one side of a longitudinal central axis of said beverage container, and the distal end of said drain conduit being at a location in the

beverage can interior on a second side of said longitudinal central axis.

9 (original): The combination according to Claim 1 wherein said device is of integral, molded plastic construction.

10 (currently amended): The combination according to Claim ~~2~~ 1 wherein the cross-sectional configuration of at least a portion of the drain conduit substantially conforms to the shape of the opening in the beverage container top.

11 (currently amended): A device for use with a beverage container for receiving saliva expectorated by a tobacco chewing individual and directing the saliva into the beverage container, said beverage container including a side wall having an upper rim, a top attached to said upper rim, and a bottom, said top, said side wall and said bottom defining a beverage container interior, and said top defining an opening disposed inwardly of said rim and communicating with said beverage container interior, and said device including an open topped receptacle having an outlet and a connector for releasably connecting said receptacle to said beverage container with said outlet in liquid flow communication with the opening defined by the top of said beverage container whereby saliva expectorated onto said receptacle will drain under the influence of gravity into said beverage container interior, the device including a drain conduit attached to said receptacle and extending downwardly therefrom,

said drain conduit for extending into said beverage container interior and defining a liquid flow passageway in liquid flow communication with the outlet of said receptacle, said drain conduit being substantially rigid and defining an acute angle with said receptacle.

12 (canceled)

13 (canceled)

14 (original): The device according to Claim 11 wherein said receptacle includes an inclined inner wall surface leading to said outlet.

15 (original): The combination according to Claim 11 wherein said device is of integral construction and wherein said connector comprises an outer sleeve for surrounding and frictionally engaging said rim.

16 (original): The combination according to Claim 15 wherein said device additionally comprises a manually graspable member extending outwardly from said sleeve to facilitate selective connection of said device to said beverage container or removal of said device from said beverage container.

17 (original): The combination according to Claim 11 wherein said device is of integral, molded plastic construction.

18 (currently amended): The combination according to Claim ~~12~~ 11 wherein the cross-sectional configuration of at least a portion of the drain conduit substantially conforms to the

shape of the opening in the beverage container top.